September 2025 August Claim Month



Nuggets of News

No Postings



No Pay!

2024-2025 unannounced reviews in progress so stay ready!!

- <u>Posted Building for the Future</u> (English & Spanish) & <u>WIC</u> <u>Brochures.</u>
- CN Labels MUST be available.
- Infant/Child Menus <u>MUST</u> be posted.
- **Current** dated Menu posted.
- Serve at approved mealtimes.
- **TWO** thermometers required.
- Bank account changes are due by the 10th of each month for timely processing.

GSK, Shelby County Commissioners, 100 Black Men of New York & Black Voters Matter

are helping to fund our mission to make nutrition a priority for children by educating childcare providers by taking the actions below:

- ✓ DONATE to this cause at <u>www.alphaomegafnp.org</u> & select the Donate Now button!
- ✓ Share this link with a friend!

 Thank you!

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2025 Theme:

"THE YEAR OF ASCENSION AND POSSESSION!"



Harvesting Hope: Faith in Action, Nourishment in Community Scripture of the Month:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Message from the Program Team:

As September unfolds, we begin to see the first signs of harvest—both in nature and in the lives we touch. This month's theme, "Harvesting Hope: Faith in Action, Nourishment in Community," invites us to reflect on the seeds we've sown and recommit to the work of cultivating lasting impact.

Every meal prepared, every moment of care, every outreach effort is a testament to our faith in action. We are not just feeding bodies. we are nourishing spirits, restoring dignity, and building trust. In a world that often overlooks the most vulnerable, our work stands as a beacon of hope and equity.

Let us remember: the harvest is not always immediate, but it is always sacred. Whether we see the fruits today or years from now, our labor is never in vain. Stay encouraged, stay faithful, and stay rooted in the mission. Together, we are transforming lives—one plate, one prayer, one purpose at a time.

WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?

- 1. End of Year Food & Non-Food Inventory Report for centers due September 30, 2025.
- 2. 2025-2026 Income Eligibility Guidelines are available please click <u>here</u>.
- 3. NEW PROGRAM YEAR SCHEDULE: October 1, 2025.
- 4. Announced **ONSITE REVIEWS** for 2025-2026 will be conducted from OCTOBER 2025 THROUGH JANUARY 2026. (Any unsuccessful reviews will result in no payment for the day and no access to Kid Kare.)



<u>September Snack Attack</u>: Waffles with raspberries (Grains/Fruit)! Try out these <u>#CACFPCreditable snacks</u> when you plan your next grocery trip!

What's happening in September?

National Whole Grains Month! Click here for more information.





You have our support... We are here to work with you!

View <u>New Claim Due Date Change Memo. <mark>CLAIMS DUE BY THE 1st DAY MONTHLY</mark> IN 2023-2024 TO</u> ENSURE TIMELY REIMBURSEMENT! ALL LATE CLAIMS WILL BE PROCESSED AT MONTH-END!

Family Day Homes

Definition: Children served in your home.
SUBMIT UPDATED COPY OF YOUR LICENSE AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED!



- All sites must <u>always</u> adhere to their approved meal service times. If your time needs to be adjusted, please complete a meal schedule change form and submit it for approval.
- Submit applications daily as children are enrolled.
- Children can be claimed in a pending status but can not be paid until application is submitted to sponsor
- Daily documentation of meals and attendance is required to be compliant. Read the **Daily Documentation Requirement Memo**.
- Remember to serve and choose at least one whole grain rich food per day in KidKare when documenting daily meals and attendance.

Daycare & Adult Care Centers

Definition: Adults or children served in a commercial property/facility. SUBMIT UPDATED COPY OF YOUR TN ADULTCARE OR CHILDCARE LICENSE!



- All sites must <u>always</u> adhere to their approved meal service times. If your time needs to be adjusted, please complete a meal schedule change form and submit it for approval.
- Children enrollment application due by the 20th of each month (DO NOT WAIT) TO SUBMIT WITH RECEIPTS AT THE END OF MONTH)
- Children can be claimed in a pending status but can not be paid until application is submitted to sponsor
- Daily documentation of meals and attendance is required to be compliant. Read the **Daily Documentation Requirement Memo**.
- Examine your Milk Audit in KidKare weekly to be sure you have purchased enough milk to be compliant and avoid costly loss!
- Head Start Sites! Have a safe summer! We will see you back in August!

At-Risk Aftercare Sites

Definition: Children served after school in a safe structured facility with planned activities.



- Here are quick tips to boost your afterschool participation:
 - **Recruit with Purpose: Share the Benefits!** Parents are more likely to allow their children to participate when they clearly understand how your program supports academic success, nutrition, and social growth. Highlight how your site provides a safe, structured environment, healthy snacks or meals, and meaningful activities that enrich each child's day.
 - ✓ **Bonus Tip:** Send home flyers, post on social media, and ask parents of currently participating children to help spread the word!

Thank you for your continued partnership. Let's make the remainder of this year and next year reflect one of growth, connection, and excellence!





REMINDERS!

KidKare/Minute Menu support 972-671-5211 support@kidkare.com

Educate yourself in KidKare by utilizing the "Get Help" option to selftrain.

PLEASE APPLY SYSTEM UPDATES FOR THE LATEST AND BEST VERSION OF KIDKARE!

Your menu in KidKare will be used for monitoring reviews. <mark>Keep them current</mark> *monthly*, print and post them as well. <mark>Inter your daycare closures</mark> in KidKare whenever your daycare will be closed during a meal service time. Enter meals and attendance daily to avoid loss of reimbursement and to be compliant.



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- ✓ Self-composed menus minus creditable meal components = disallowances.
- Take 5 minutes monthly to plan & schedule menus in KidKare.
- Teach children how to measure foods for health, safety & wellness.
- Plan a healthy cook day & get children involved.

NON-CREDITABLE MILK:

- **✓ 2% MILK**
- ✓ **Almond** milk
- ✓ **Rice** milk
- ✓ **Coconut** milk
- ✓ Cheese (cheese is a meat alternate)

CREDITABLE MILK:

- ✓ Lactose free & lactose reduced milk
- Soymilk, Silk Milk, Pearl, Ultra Soy & Continent Soymilk

MILK REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Supper

MENU CONCERNS:

WHOLE GRAIN NOT MARKED - slide tab to YES under grain to indicate whole grain served.

Check for Meal Pattern requirements & resources at www.alphaomegafnp.org.